

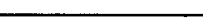


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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed on May 03, 2004, the applicants hereby submit the Response that was originally filed on February 24, 2004, wherein the status of claims 1-82 is now listed and the spacing of the submitted claim set is double line spaced as required in the MPEP 608.01.

No fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2555 any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks for the purpose of putting the application in condition for allowance.